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## VIOLENCE

The present media appear to generate lots of violence through public television shows and TV coverage of violence in its more or less other forms. Government propaganda agencies protecting property have an interest in anger themselves into a frenzy. They promote the kind of violence necessary to protect the legal interests of their clients, both against other criminals trying to steal their property and international business competitors for market, materials and trade routes. The owners of the earth shall eat big chunks of their enemies' land to benefit their various grand vision.

At the same time they hold their sons of the oligopolistic elite of more privileged workers who transmits the glorification of violence into personal vengeance against political figure heads who are elected for elected presidents.

The very foundation of the system is set on the violation of the interests of 90 percent of society so that the top 10 percent may live in luxury and domination. Profit cannot be realized without the owning community appropriating surplus or unpaid labor during the production process which pays the "ordinary" people only for their skills which have been consumed. Repression naturally brings about objection, if not to the process, then to the qualities of the fraction of the total product that reaches the producer - and struggle ensues, sometimes leading to direct violence. Then workers compete against workers for jobs. Sellers are antagonistic to buyers. These general causes plus many more related pressures of the social rat race result in personal aggression, murder, terrorism, etc.

The sophisticated technology that has been brought to this stage by the profit system cannot be used to benefit society. The profit imperative has forced it to spawn forms of devastation surpassing all previous examples of inhumanity. What greater insult to human decency than nuclear weapons that wipe out workers but leave property intact, napalm bombs, flame throwers, biological warfare, poison gas, etc.

The contradictory disease competitive conditions of this predatory arrangement create the hypocritical political managers, media mouthlers of minds and

mentality who support this violent system, but on the other side of their mouths display the kind of violence which seems to imperil profits.

## ALIENATION, HUMILIATION, DESPAIR

Maclean - April 13/81 issue, posed the question of why American assassins persuade themselves that killing their president will somehow relieve the frustrations of their towering leadership? Now if Maclean would admit that no president represents the interests of the majority, e.g., the people who have to sell their lives for their keep, it would be closer to the answer to the question that we are not sure they are sincerely asking. A towering meadoway is largely the result of an authoritarian environment, and Maclean then goes on to wonder if Hinckley's behavior can be "blamed on the diluted authority of family, school, church and state". Wow!

Then Brown University psychiatrist Barry Gartinker was quoted as saying that "The guns, the Nazis (the Party which Hinckley joined for a time), the assassination attempt, all compensated for Hinckley's lack of self esteem". Lack of self esteem - part of an authoritarian system where the masses inculcated to be nobodies whose overal function is to be producers of commodities.

Chicago psychiatrist, Lawrence Z. Freedman, drafted a profile of a future assassin - white male, withdrawn, a loner, no girlfriends, either married or a failure in marriage, unable to work (wage slave) steadily". In other words, an extreme degree of the condition that millions of workers find themselves in.

This assessment is supported by a University of Victoria professor reviewing a book based on the diary of an assassin found after he shot a presidential candidate.

Arthur Bremer considered himself a failure, says Barnett Singer, and his self portrait reveals him to be "a young American and a potential kook". Loneliness and "a frantic need for attention tells us he wants the media to proclaim his name for the multitudes. There is an intense desire to accomplish something in life ... in his diary he constantly punishes himself for wasting his

time". He wondered how "famous" he would make him to knock off New Pres. Nixon. He despised mankind almost his entire life.

Singer says "what I sense is that this man was far from the lunatic fringe nor was he stupid. A mental muddle could find in thousands of citizens across the land. Hope and Helplessness, purpose and torpor, optimism and manic pessimism are often combined...only one has to conclude there are many potential assassins out there" (Times Colonist, 21/4/81). Bremer was the man who paralyzed former Alabama governor George Wallace.

Very noteworthy, the day the attempt was made on President Reagan, a joke was going the rounds in parts of Canada, that maybe Trudeau could be sent to the States, maybe he could get shot too. Average normal workers with empty lives, and ignorance about the nature of the system that causes these problems. They consequently blame great men for their situation, after being told repeatedly by these leaders that they would solve their problems.

Professor Singer admits the murders are "society's fault" but only in part. He concludes that "just as equally they are the faults of the individual who gives in to his despair, goes beyond thousands of other fanatics and actually pulls the trigger". They should overcome their "base instincts" he says. After devoting his volume to proving the causes were mainly environmental!

Aside from that laps, his conclusion is that the camel's back should not break after that last straw is added to the burden it is carrying. That these workers should overcome their "private problems" and come out on the open side of life. A useful life producing profits for a parasite class! Expanding capital, when the means of life was developed enough to enable useful, happy lives a half century ago? And goods produced only for sale while millions go hungry and competing for markets, with nuclear weapons?

Of course individuals can change their social environment, making a life worthwhile for all, by combining with other individual workers, to learn the nature of this barbaric social arrangement and acting politically to change it. Professor Singer seems to be alienated from that concept.

This was written before Mitterrand, the "Socialist" was elected as the figurehead of French Capitalism. There has been nothing to indicate any basic change in French foreign policy.

## French Foreign Policy

French foreign policy at least has the merit of not being hypocritical. The French government quite openly and frankly pursues a foreign policy designed to secure markets and sources of raw materials, to such an extent that those who imagine that a capitalist State could have any other kind of foreign policy call it "cynical".

French foreign policy in the Middle East can be summed up in three letters: O-I-L. Not having any equivalent of North Sea Oil and with a coal industry in decline, France is more dependent than equivalent European States like Britain and Germany on importing the energy to run its power stations and industry. In order to curry the favour of the Arab oil producers France has since 1967 favoured the Arab side in the Arab-Israel conflict (after, of course, taking part with Britain in the raid on Suez in 1956). It has even gone so far as to ban French diplomats of Jewish origin from service in Arab countries.

Every time the President, Giscard d'Estaing, visits French colonies in the Pacific Ocean he takes the opportunity to stop off on the way in one or other of the Gulf States to discuss oil supplies for France with the local sheik. Earlier this year the Prime Minister, Raymond Barre, was photographed smiling and shaking hands with his counter-part in Iraq, Saddam Hussein, who a few weeks later had a number of army officers and Ministers put up against a wall and shot. No hypocritical expression of concern for human rights by the French government. In fact France has since supplied Iraq with material which could allow it later to develop its own H-bomb. When the Mad Mullah of Qom, the Ayatollah Khomeini, sought a refuge to wage his holy war against the Shah after being expelled from Iraq, the French government obligingly found him a chateau on the outskirts of Paris. This time it eventually turned out that, in their searching for oil supplies, they had backed the right horse — unlike on a previous occasion when they supported the ill-fated breakaway of oil-rich Biafra from Nigeria.

In Africa in fact, France regards the French-speaking countries there as its private hunting-ground, including the ex-Belgian Congo now called Zaire. This latter has had to make war with Belgium and to the spectacle a few years ago of the race between French and Belgian paratroops to rescue the whites of Kolwezi. Most of the rulers of these States are more or less French puppets which France deposes at will, as has happened in Mauretania, in Chad and more recently in Central Africa where the overthrow of the blood-thirsty emperor Bokassa was entirely engineered from Paris. Bokassa, who had many times been received by President Giscard and his wife in Paris and who had reciprocated by allowing them to go safari-hunting in his empire (and whose farcical coronation was broadcast in all seriousness live and in full on French television), probably feels that his masters have treated him badly. But, to personally taking part in a massacre of schoolchildren who refused to wear the uniforms he had decreed, he went too far and became a liability. He had therefore to go and was replaced by his cousin after French paratroopers had invaded the country.

The one energy resource that France does have which its European neighbours don't is uranium, but not enough to supply both its atom bombs (a decision to develop a French Neutron-bomb has just been announced) and its ambitious programme of nuclear power stations. Both the Central African Empire/ Republic and Chad have uranium resources. In Mauretania it is iron ore... and so on.

French foreign policy, in other words, far from being cynical and immoral, is very realistic and normal for this capitalist world in which we live.

## "... As We Live Our Own Nuclear Death Trap"

So wrote part of a statement of CTMS Victoria radio last April 12th. The workers, and those who work with the oil capital and therefore must produce profits for those who do, or a majority of them, soon find there is no solution to the boredom and degradation that characterizes most of their days. This attitude colours the style of media reports on those who decide to end it all.

From Vancouver on Sept. 1st, came a report that two small children and their mother were at hospital after being saved from fatal drug overdose by a hotel clerk who monitored who the two likely born were still in bed at noon. On being checked, the room was littered with pills and the three unconscious victims of capitalism.

The clerk said "police told him it was a good thing he checked the room, because another half hour the people in there would all be dead."

So it seems that a new littering with effects is about to add to the long list, which includes policemen who know how long it takes people to die from the effects of certain pills, and that is a bit bad, clerks, keeping a wary eye open for judges who can no longer tolerate the misery of this system. It was not reported whether the mother thought her rescue was "a good thing". No doubt she is being anaesthetized with other drugs while in the hospital before being turned out to face again the dehumanized environment of capital expansion.

Such socialist reporting by newspaper workers about the tragedies of their fellow workers is due partly to the mystery about the nature of society and partly to their conditioning which regards property to be more important than humans, aside from enough returns maintained to keep property property accumulating in the hands of the dominant few.

A Sept. 10th report bore this out, as the veteran Vancouver police boat #9 began its last day of regular service by running aground for the first time in its 19 year career. "The 10 metre cruiser was answering a suicide call when it failed to clear a reef off Ferguson Point." More was recounted about the boat and its rescue from the rocks, but nothing more about the suicide, nor even statistics, which capitalism is so good at, about when, where, how, where. Political ignorance breeds a fatalistic outlook, such as Sept. 1st, a cross page headline describing a new game which said: "Can't Win This Game - It's Too Much Like Life."

The attitude of course is more majority awareness about the social sweepings.

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## THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO FRIEDMAN

Formidable Dr Milton Friedman of the "Chicago School" of Economists is one of the easiest pushers in the business. He is the economics guru of the Monetarist policy.

Even if socialists limit themselves merely to debating him on his own grounds and narrow logic it is no trouble to expose him as a champion of totally discredited capitalism. Through out all its phases of economic free trade or protection, inflation or deflation, depression or expansion of trade, the individual human is judged socially mainly, or even only, by the marketable commodities which he or she have to buy and sell. Under any combination of the above six conditions of political economy the working class have only non-commodity labour-power to sell. And in its turn buys commodities, food, clothing, shelter and extra oddments in proportion to wages received. Beyond this exchange, the working class is a non-issue from the viewpoint of Dr. Friedman and the entire pro-capitalist school.

The principle aim of Friedman is to cure the ills of current inflation. "But monetarism is concerned with the basic injury of inflation" (1) - a purely fictitious capitalist problem. Just what is the Monetarist policy? Is it merely anti-inflation? Or does it intend to become inflation in reverse? If the latter, how far back down the inflationary ladder does it intend to retreat and where to stop? Perhaps even as far back to the gold-standard era of \$10.321 notes once more becoming the token value of 1 oz. of 22 carat gold.

To him the golden age of monetarism is divided into two next sections (a) From the early 1800's 'till its end, and (b) 1928 before the depression (1) Thus (a) he entirely skip over and ignore World War 1, the 1929-39 world depression, and World War 2. During these three catastrophic turbulent capitalist wars flying unchallenged the flag of monetarist theory.

### GOLD & S NOTES

Further study of these figures leaves little of inflation

had such wide and accelerating appeal in the decades following the mid 1930's when inflation first slowly began.

In being caught up with the bogy of inflation and the whirlwind of S notes Friedman seems unaware of the underlying basics of his own policy and no awareness of the science of economics which he claims so vigorously to defend. His obsession seems to be that it is "better" to pay, or to receive (in payment), fewer, rather than more token S notes for every commodity bought and sold. Inflation of prices, or otherwise, (other factors remaining constant) corresponds to the falling or rising token value of the dollar as below revealed.

In both cases, the chained up dog or worker has no more or less freedom than before the change over.

Just as practical inflation in no manner solved working-class problems neither will a possible return to the "ideal" of monetarism.

What appears to be merely a crisis of money (either too much or too little) is, in reality a crisis in the whole world of commodities, (either too few or too many). Thus is spent the profit making incentive and a resultant slowing down of capital investment and expansion.

So little does Friedman understand his own case that he asks his N.Z. readers to accept December 1971 as the

	EARLY 1938	ROOSEVELT AND DEUT. Inflation 1979(2)	Web Jan. 1980	April 1980 (3)
(2) No. of U.S. S Notes per 1 oz of 22 carat gold	31	36	316	600
Value of each U.S. S on early 1938 basis	100 cents	100 cents	0.8 cents	2.8 cents (approx.)
(3) No. of U.S. S notes to equal early 1938 basis S	81	81.6	818	820 (approx.)

Throughout most of the 20th century America is the world's mightiest industrial, scientific, and commercial nation and the universal trend setter. Its movement into inflation of money was deliberate and not one of the spasmodic results of military defeat, industrial destruction, social chaos and of foreign occupation as happened to many other countries, particularly of Europe. But even here the flight on the wings of inflation away from the monetarist system never solved the inherent limitations, creating frustrations and very real dangers of capitalism. It is rather like replacing the chain of very long links by a chain of many more shorter links but still retarding the overall chain length.

Friedman's monetarist policy may be adopted by Governments around the world, (as was Keynes' policy of inflation over the past 40 years). He, (Friedman), may have appeal as a monetarist advocate giving voice to social reaction against the over-significance of inflation as the basic cause of falling living standards, unemployment, trading difficulties, etc.

### MARX ON GOLD AND TOKENS

Friedman displays total ignorance of (a) GOLD - its significance as basic support upon which depends the token value of the S. and (b) Labour theory of value and socially necessary Labour Time as the measure of the intangible value of gold and all other commodities. comments Marx on this subject.

"The token of value, say a piece of paper, which functions as a gold coin, represents the quantity of gold indicated by the name of the coin, and is thus a token of gold. (Marx own stress). The gold token represents value in so far as a definite quantity, because it is materialized labour-time, possesses a definite value. But the amount of value which the token represents depends in each case upon the value of the quantity of gold represented by it." - page 115(4)

"Because the pieces of paper have a legal rate of exchange, it is impossible to prevent the State from thrusting any arbitrarily chosen number of them into circulation and to imprint upon them at will any one monetary denomination such as \$1, \$5, \$20" 1950 or even any \$10! page 119(4). (The \$ sign here has replaced Marx's use of the £ sign).

Further we note

"Nature no more produces money than it does bankers or a rate of exchange - Gold and silver are not by nature money, but money consists by nature of gold and silver." Page 25(4).

### FRIEDMAN AND MARX

Tremendous as are the differences between Friedman and Marx, there are some areas of agreement: (a) both hold that governments alone are

responsible for inflation. Production, trading and even banking Corporations and Companies on the one hand, on the other, are in no manner responsible for increasing the supply of paper S's. All the huffing and puffing by Governments and Prime Ministers doesn't in any way alter this fact. (b) Both agree too that economics is a science. But to vastly different degrees of awareness, as to practical and theoretical, political and social significance of almost every aspect of this science.

### FRIEDMAN AND HOME OWNERSHIP

Recently on T.V. Friedman made comment on home ownership in New Zealand. In order to provide a popular example for his advocacy of the virtues of free enterprise he seems to have previously tuned into the author's claims on this subject long prevailing in this country. Boasting confidently he fed it back to his N.Z. viewers, the myth of home ownership is ranging between 70% and 75%. Cabinet Minister Jim McLay also gets himself into the act by quoting home ownership figures in N.Z. to be 69%.

In reality everywhere, the modern mega-cities class owns less than the houses after they die and shelter from the elements of nature. Similarly, soldiers own not the barracks wherein they are billeted and undergo training nor do prisoners own the State and County cells where they are confined after tea and exercise.

In conclusion exclusion from ownership of property is the most elementary and deepest reason for the permanent private dwellings (P.P.D.) to be "Owned without Mortgages" and new homes then range 47% to 72% in N.Z. to 95% in United States of America. And this applies right across all wage-labour nations. Ownership of property is effectively a ruling class privilege in that it is backed up by the State subsidy if possible, tacitly if it fails.

(1) N.Z. Listener, Vol. 26 No. 3352

(2) On the 3rd September 1979 N.Z. Herald was interested in the money markets of the world to illustrate the effects of oil field inflation. Page 39 "Crimes of Political Economy" E. Marx. Moscow Publishing 1970.

(3) World gold market prices over the last several months are above and well below the 1971 price level several times.

(4) "Crimes of Political Economy" E. Marx 1970 Moscow Publishers

(5) N.Z. Official Year Book 1980.

(6) N.Z. Herald 1st Feb 1980.

(7) N.Z. Herald 2nd June 1981.

"Sharing interest rates has thwarted the dreams of millions of families and only one in 7 families could afford to buy a new home." (8)

This is equally true during periods of falling interest rates to the 1929-39 world depression. Gold-moneypieces of interest rates are as barometer readings of the fluctuating pressures of proto-hisory capitalism.

If "only one" in 7 families could afford to buy a new home abundantly means that 2/3 of the population, i.e., the working class are excluded from owning their homes or nearly their percentage from owning any homes at all.

So much for America or any other free enterprise so much less thoroughly sterilized socialism as ardently defended by Dr Milton Friedman.

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## DAMNED IF THEY DO AND DAMNED IF THEY DON'T THOSE HIGH INTEREST RATES

At the same time, with 625 firms going under each month and thousands of workers demonstrating on Parliament Hill about high renewal house mortgage rates, some authoritative voices are admitting that the high inflation rate is causing the high interest rate, which in turn is basically caused by the federal government's continually of currency in relation to gold.

Two sources however, are still holding on to some of the fiction, namely, members of the Bank of Canada, Gerald Bouey, and chairman of the U.S. Federal Reserve Board, Paul Volcker. Both admit that for finance capital to realize a real return on their loans, the interest rate must exceed the inflation rate. Many would concede the rising prices are caused by the government issuing of too much currency, but circulation of buying government bonds, etc., through bank of Canada created notes. Bouey goes along to the old fashioned myth that high prices are caused by greedy employers not producing enough for the high wages they receive, meaning they have less cash money available for few years and services.

In contradiction to this he said: "The central bank wants to limit the growth of the money supply to between 4 and 8 percent a year. This will limit interest rates and it will reduce inflation by exerting a moderating influence on the growth rate of total spending and thereby on the rate of increase of prices and costs." (See Colonial Times, April 1975). Now is the McLeans' turn. They say just what the money supply, banking, monetary system of control, controls the interest rates.

The recent inflation rate has been 12 and 13 percent so it seems that the politicians being held has not done what it wants to do, and after having supply of between 4 and 8 percent annually, it has had to put another measure of capital controls into operation. In this the government has succeeded and succeeded to the point where interest rates have gone up by more than enough to reduce further realizations that all power lies for a short time. According to the Bank of Canada, the average daily of an average day, the average interest rates were 13.5%.

Interest rates now include not only the real inflation level but the general feeling about what inflation will be like in the months ahead. Obviously the moneyed wealth who sit back and watch their gains rule in effect, easily, have been stung by some of their bond or stock interest rates being overtaken by devalued dollars. And they have some assurance that the government's availability of paper is to continue.

But due to their limited knowledge of the system which does them most serious consideration is the whole world give only 40 percent its backing to the Federal Reserve's dollar liabilities, which is not enough being on the standard. But otherwise would not be a solution to the fluctuations in the general aspiration and prosperity of the great majority. After all, the U.S. was on the gold standard during the last World Depression and Roosevelt, when workers could afford a 3 percent interest rate on homes or farms. At that time the situation was the opposite, e.g. get off the gold standard and develop currency. That didn't solve it either.

The same source estimates the total worldwide stocks of U.S. dollars and dollar obligations as estimated at about \$1 trillion and U.S. gold holdings are 286 million ounces. At this ratio, the price of gold would have to be priced at several thousand dollars on ounce to cover all the dollars in circulation.

And of the various forms of gold standards, the one being the most serious consideration is the whole world give only 40 percent its backing to the Federal Reserve's dollar liabilities, which is not enough being on the standard. But otherwise would not be a solution to the fluctuations in the general aspiration and prosperity of the great majority. After all, the U.S. was on the gold standard during the last World Depression and Roosevelt, when workers could afford a 3 percent interest rate on homes or farms. At that time the situation was the opposite, e.g. get off the gold standard and develop currency. That didn't solve it either.



Changes in monetary policies do nothing to ease or end the slow death of the money wage production and negatively to farm working class. Some of wages, salaries of course, do not receive great compensation according to reasonable needs.

### NEW HIGH INTEREST RATES

The section is trying to sustain their debts, which they sell to their masters, the fact that workers need to borrow on future wages to prevent the appearance of lessening their country of the present, points to the basic poverty. Whether interest rates are high or low, and whether inflation is high or low, if workers don't force workers to buy homes by taking out mortgages in the first place, the present flagrant high interest rates would not be a problem.

Canadian consumer debt is in the billions before 1967 when it was allowed for anyone to charge more than 6 percent interest. Last June, consumer's inflation rate was 8 percent, (MacLean's 8/6/80), because the government has not been as lenient as to a great extent, but surely no one would assume that the Canadian population was not made up of two classes of people one which had everything, and the other, the majority which has relatively speaking.

The Canadian Labor Congress has announced plans for a massive demonstration against the government and its high interest rates, and the NDP's previous leader is calling attention to the same. The same debts are weighted down, trying to make a dream come true. The financial institutions take the sides of most of those classified workers in their credit boxes.

### IN THE NEWS

## RCMP WRONG DOING

The stories of RCMP wrong doing in the early 70's reviewed by the McDonald commission have brought out a review of and vindication for former corporal Jack Penney in his exposure in 1971.

After resigning, he had periods and briefly liked the popular view on casting the RCMP, and remained as the SPS in 1970, continuing, changing their title, role by role, a high incidence of incidents and suicide, and insistence on dedication to the force above all else even above the interests of Canada and its members became disillusioned, the leadership funds democracy in contempt, they fear and despise the democratic process. (MacLean's June 8/71).

Former corporal Penney had for his apparently gleaned little knowledge of Canadian history and understood less about the nature of the predatory forces. There is no shortage of evidence to show that police exist for the purpose of protecting the property of the rich and powerful, namely against attacks from elements of the poor majority.

As forces they impose the unpopular laws of property, claimed to be that are owners of the property, less majority, mainly because they are aware of no other possible social arrangement. As organizations that have to be destroyed in the name of the military as they would not be much use to the ruling of society, police forces cannot be expected to show much regard for even the violation of the democratic process of capitalism. The national labour of course is only a tool to control the capitalist imperial. With the division between cities and rural areas, and rural industrialization there, the police and農民的暴動 become a part of everyday relations. It is hardly surprising that democracy is a fragmentation stone of world society. And that the conditions of working would promote disunity.

Corporate Research at the same time, the term "Canada" and "people" be used by Canada. The Canadian state as a central organization is the head of capitalist the RCMP could not be able to maintain the status quo. The majority of Canadians and it's never far.

In the early days of the 1960s, the basic forces of the Canadian government and business leaders the majority of the country, in order to bring the rest of Canada to heel in the forthcoming 1960s, rules that were passed from 1960.

The connection goes to the USSR in 1968 and the USSR's foreign policy indicates some of the reasons reflected to the bosses' need to break all other powers in accordance with their will. McDonald said, "In human's mind, the RCMP will never leave. Another important factor is the U.S. and Soviet Union. Our organization, a majority of all that is right and good honest orientation to the people's forces and our own RCMP. Penney, who joined the organization 1968, after being a member of the organization, he assumed that property rights above a government's strength is only a hope once the forces could have been used to protect what is right, like when

Police forces the entire over source and incorporate a base necessary for the control and control the forces of a nation. Since 1968, according to the Canadian government to break the power of the people, mainly because they are aware of no other possible social arrangement. As organizations that have to be destroyed in the name of the military as they would not be much use to the ruling of society, police forces cannot be expected to show much regard for even the violation of the democratic process of capitalism. The national labour of course is only a tool to control the capitalist imperial. With the division between cities and rural areas, and rural industrialization there, the police and 農民的暴動 become a part of everyday relations. It is hardly surprising that democracy is a fragmentation stone of world society. And that the conditions of working would promote disunity.

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# CAPITALISM'S DOLLAR ECOLOGY

## CAPITALISM TOLERATES NO SOCIAL INTEREST

"Alberta has an intention of becoming the dumping ground for the deadliest wastes of other provinces." Alberta Environment Minister Jack Cookson said in the Edmonton Journal, April 22nd. And the chairman of the Environment Council of Alberta said the proposal was "absolutely daß."

A report by the federal environmental department suggested that a crown corporation be set up to handle the hazardous wastes of Alberta, B.C., Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories. The treatment center to be located in Alberta to "minimize transportation of wastes," i.e., without the camouflaging, to cut costs and increase the profitability of the commodities that produce these deadly by-products.

It should come as no surprise that the environmental that governmental authorities really refer to is the one that is best for profits, or why would the Environment Council of Alberta suggest building a disposal center for Alberta's industrial products near Edmonton, where about 70% of the province's hazardous wastes are produced?

But it would cost little means to haul it long distances from the vicinity of the workers who were exploited in the process of producing commodities for their employers/master. Edmonton is one of the two largest cities. It is customary for capitalists to herd wage-slaves into immense and wretched concentrations, for healthy balance sheets.

It is bad enough that this system forces the production of toxicants along with profitable commodities for sale, but in many cases it leaves these burdens on the workers' shoulders, relatively speaking.

It is natural for elected politicians whose job is to represent the rural areas, on behalf of the owning masters, to seize any opportunity that presents itself to pretend to be the champion of all the people. And Jack Cookson rose to the occasion when he painted the federal government and other provinces as wicked men, waiting to enhance their well-being at the expense of the health of the people of Alberta.

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## CAPITALISM TOLERATES NO SOCIAL INTEREST

A wildlife photographer who wanted to observe the natural history of a wilderness park probably had his education about the nature of present society improved. He filed suit against two provincial cabinet ministers for allowing hunting of caribou and moose in the Spatsizi Plateau Wilderness Park. He claimed the ministers were duty bound to preserve wildlife in the public for the benefit of the public. (Victoria Times, Sept. 22, 1974)

The judge upheld objections by counsel for the two ministers (Environment, Rate Mair and Parks, Jim Chator) who argued that the wildlife photographer "as a member of the public has no proprietary or monetary interest." And therefore no say.

Since the provincial government owns most of the land area, in the name of the whole capitalist class of B.C., and since cabinet ministers, as is the case with governments, legislate in the interests of the capitalist class, the photographer-nature-lover was not being audacious in launching his suit. Merely naive politically, in believing the capitalist nonsense that governments function for society.

Parks, which make up one or two percent of the land area, are places where workers can improve the profitability of the work they do for their employer-masters, by getting some escape into peace and quiet occasionally. They are not to be used in any way detrimental to the property interest of the owning class.

An instance noted in FULCRUM No 3, 4/74 involved a group who slept in a federal government owned house situated in the Pacific Rim National Park. They were arrested and jailed. "How can a federal building be private property?" complained their spokesman in court.

Over the years, "transients" and "squatters" have been chased off "public" land for trying to live on it without paying rent or purchasing the space from the private owners. As Socialists have been saying, the workers own little, beyond their productive abilities. What goes on in society is what serves the owning class.

## Aid The Children By Polluting the Beaches And Sending Their Parents to Jail.

OTTAWA (CP)-Parents who allow their children to swim at any of the city beaches closed because of pollution could face fines of up to \$500, one year in jail or both, says an official of the Ottawa-Carleton Children's Aid Society.

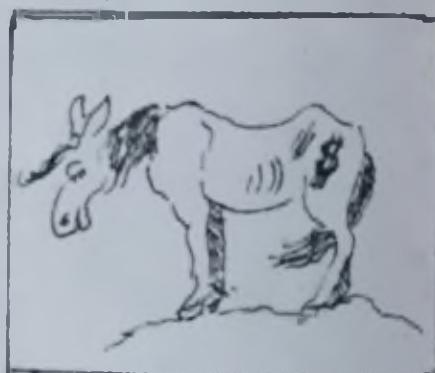
(Victoria Times, 4/76/74).  
Cesspools of capitalism in the Capital City.

## HEALTHY PROFITS VIA DIS-EASED HORSEMEAT

It is fairly obvious that the economic laws of capitalism operate in anti-human ways. A contemporary example is the increase in the processing and sale of diseased or contaminated horsemeat for human consumption.

The rising price of beef, with the drop in real wages endured by some workers has made horsemeat a no-choice alternative. Since the horsemeat industry post war decline, only old or crippled animals of no use as draft, show or riding animals have been slaughtered for pet food and some European and Asiatic human consumption.

But now the estimate is that 150,000 — almost half of all Canadian horses plus some U.S. imports, will be butchered for dollars. Many of them being healthy, young equines, despite the protestations of horse lovers. They are "worth more dead than alive." (Maclean's, 14/7/80) With an average weight of half a ton per horse at 7000 a pound. Alsask Processors of Edmonton for instance, grosses \$15 million annually.



But this is merely part of the story. A Toronto retailer says his horsemeat commodity is tasty and contains more protein than beef. Pointing out that Italians and French people eat it raw with lemon, he said "it's good for you." However, most food under world capitalism arrives in stores and restaurants as products of human labor produced for sale/profit primarily. Usefulness takes second place. With today's world slump in the profit economy, and with the horsemeat commodity being related to all others, it is affected by the recession related shortage of government food inspectors. "The health of slaughter bound horses is usually determined by no more than visual inspection. Even cancerous horses have their tumors judged malignant or benign by eye alone." "One in two horses used to be rejected by some inspectors. Today

## MANKIND: THE IMITATOR AND INNOVATOR

Richard E. Leakey and Roger Lewin together delve deep into our organic origins and bring us right up to date, as far as naturalists can go, in their attractive jointly produced volume, (complete with technicolor illustrations, charts and photos), titled "Origins."

One of the many vital strands by which Homo Sapiens, (that's us), raised themselves above their surrounding contemporary cousins was tool-making technology.

### STONE-AGE TOOLMAKING TECHNOLOGY

It is suggested that this may have an elementary beginning about 12,000,000 years ago. And indeed the main concern of this book "origins" on this point, is to learn just "when" and "which" of our ancestors began tool-making. But nowhere does there seem to be any curiosity as to "how" this may have begun, or what "inspired" such an activity.

Preceding the origins of tool-making, we learn from this same book, that organic nature had its origins about 1000 million years ago. And has been gathering tangible momentum and diversity every 1200 million years or so since. This trend continues until 250 million years ago when the first primitive mammal appears. Then about 70 million years ago there appeared the modern mammals and first primates. From these evolved the First Hominids about 25 million years ago.

Now among the infinite variety of distractions offered by Full Flowering nature, in full view of our humanoid ancestors were, (a) spiders spinning

their silken webs, birds flying overhead, and (b) the Egyptian Vultures of the desert and the mussel or clam eating otter where serving their own survival purpose by using stone tools.

The vultures by picking up stones, with its beak and crashing them down onto thick shelled ostrich eggs thereby smashing them, (the latter), and then feeding upon the exposed contents. In a different manner again, but with similar basic materials the clam eating otter dives down through the water to pick up thick shelled clams and two suitable stones then floating on its back, and using one stone as an anvil laying on its chest, and the other as a hammer the otter pounded to pieces the clams protective shell and then feasted from the exposed clam flesh. Whereas the imitation to the activities of (a) were beyond the "copyist" abilities of our ancestors, those of (b) were readily adaptable and perhaps even became competitive with the animals concerned. From mere copying, improvements relatively speedily could take place.

"Relative Speed" in the case of our hominid Forebears possibly could mean 2-6 millions of years before they could pass over from mere imitative actions to deliberate innovative tool-making activities for the purpose of creating sharp flints. Even so descendants of group (a) and (b) still are with us today still using the same old techniques.

A national parallel to this tribal exo-evo-lution is Japan. For nearly a century since 1868 Japan's pitiful early attempts at mere imitation of "Western" Technology earned for itself world wide contempt. But by the 2nd World War Japan clearly had moved over from imitation to innovation, and broadly speaking has continued doing so ever since, to the concern, alarm, praise and admiration of her "Western" Teachers.

Finally, paradoxically maybe the puzzle of the elementary "how" of stone age technology is unwillingly, unexpectedly revealed to the world wide audience of homo-sapiens through the most popular — most modern technology — the television technique nature study series.

Peter Eurey

Socialist Party of New Zealand

they're relaxing a bit because the meat is so expensive (profitable). They cut out some of the cancerous areas and if it looks passable it goes on. Now we're only losing one in 10." (Horsedealer & meat buyer, same issue of Maclean's).

When beef was lower priced it seems that only some old age pensioners formed the human part of horsemeat consumers, in the form of petfood. (Aside from some European consumers in the form of steaks and hamburgers.) They took a 2 to 1 chance of consuming diseased meat. Now when workers pay \$1.49 for restaurant horseburger or eat equine filet mignon for \$3.99 per pound, the risk rises to 10 to 1. The only guarantee of health of course is in the profits. And "economic feasibility" grand!

### DIVIDE AND RULE

Just discussed with an old logger who agreed that the class of capitalists, generally diverted as they are today from all processes of production and administration, are parasites. But he insisted that some categories of the non-productive part of the working class were bigger parasites and therefore enemies of that part of the labor force that produced goods and services. The buying, selling, banking, insurance, propaganda, war, weapon production, etc., service industries which are essential to keep the system going are not likely to be manned by the beneficiaries of capitalism. So a section of the exploited class oligarchs, for the same reason as other workers, they are compelled to sell their life force to survive. (Like Betty Hem of Prince George whose winning ticket in the Provincial Lottery made her a millionaire and left her employer without a house keeper).

The old logger insisted that oral men, with their nice uniforms and salaries to wear on their 9 day week routes, receive higher wages than chukermen who help haul logs out of the woods, and because of this they are bigger parasites than the capitalists who do nothing and own everything.

When the late Paul Getty's 1966's income of \$11,000.00 per hour night and day, plus weekends (while Paul lolled in his English castle) was mentioned, the logger replied "Oh, that's just easy." Envy or not, Getty's position was not fiction. Getty is a member of a class that toils not. It merely owns and controls. The system's longevity will not be threatened by this old fellow whose back was injured through years of packing and handling a chain saw for the owners' profit, and who has been coaxed into thinking the enemy is not the capitalist class nor the system but other members of his own class.

### CRIME

The extent to which the capitalist class functions as a duormat for global ruling persons in proportion to its political ignorance. The understanding of the cause of CRIME, and its place in this society is an important part of understanding capitalism as a whole.

Marx said that "Crime by every new means of attack against property easily into being equally new means to defend it, and thus exercises an influence quite as productive as strikes on the interests of machines.

Our U.S. Companion Press put out an issue of its WESTERN SOCIALIST predominantly devoted to the subject of Tales of Justice are Categories of Crime. Crime in The USSR, Crime & Punishment, Human Nature, and the Human Condition. Essential reading \$1c

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### WHY DON'T YOU SAY WHAT SOCIALISM MEANS?

#### Socialist Program

What is the SLP in sending the Fulcrum? I cannot see it can go around the world to tell people that the world is run along the lines of your theory that Socialism does not mean Government or State Capitalism or State Bureaucracy as in U.S.S.R. At least SLP does have the statement in their paper that socialism should end class剥削. They will not teach anything labour socialist for they believe it is U.S.S.R. propaganda. All Socialist groups should be informing readers that their party is not in any way agreed with U.S.S.R. state capitalism or that is, if you want people to read your paper.

P. Barrell  
Burnaby, B.C.

#### REPLY

We cannot agree. For instance, the previous issue of Fulcrum describes Socialist society on page 2 under the title "Capitalism and Socialism, Contrasted" using "All institutions of rule, violence, punishment, and government will be non-existent. There will be no governors and no governed. Government is distinguished by us from administration. Capitalism produces government over people; under Socialism you will have the administration of things, not people."

The Fulcrum appeal is made to the working class, who have the mental ability, logic and scientific capability to not only produce and distribute everything in capitalism, but also to run the system from top to bottom, as they do, for their capitalist masters.

People who can do these things can also penetrate the misrepresentations and lies put out by the agents of the earth's rulers, and can certainly deduce that if there is no government in Socialist society, there will be no government ownership, nationalization of the means of life.

It is understandable that the syndicalist SLP (Socialist Labor Party) on the other hand, would find it necessary to insist that it does not stand for nationalization in each issue of its journal, when it describes its industrial union framework for administering society with a central industrial council for the whole nation. In addition to the denial of the reality

of the present ruling class of the earth, the SLP's social goal also restricts access to wealth by workers' to labor markets. If consumption to satisfy needs is not allowed and if a lot of people are not workers, the conclusion is going to be that there will still be a ruling class, which will mean that an opposite will still be around the capitalist class and therefore either state and/or private. Furthermore, the last time we saw SLP literature, they were referring to the U.S.S.R. as, yes, a state bureaucracy rather than state capitalism. In addition to having a non-Socialist objective, they seem to be unable to recognize capitalism in some parts of the world. It is essential to know what capitalism is before one can realize generally what Socialist society will be.

The same Fulcrum article also said "Under Socialism, the state will no longer exist..." and "...goods and services will be produced solely for use to satisfy the needs of the population, ...and money will have been completely eliminated... etc implying no state coercion.

The same issue on another page exposed the N.D.P. as being in favor of state capitalism. It had a graphic illustration of nationalized parks being private property in reality. It included another piece dissecting the wages system and urged its abolition in favor of free access. Since the wages system includes the nationalized form of private ownership, it is logical to assume that the absence of the wages system would mean the absence of all other aspects of capitalism, including state ownership.

The issue of the Fulcrum before that one dealt with the N.D.P., an article on Russia's Aeroflot airline referred to state capitalism there, an excerpt from a Western Socialist at 47 years ago referred to the nationalization required C.C.F. as being capitalist and another article described the national interest as being a capitalist interest.

Furthermore, the caption under the SOCIALIST FULCRUM line on the front cover of each issue is for the purpose of trying to differentiate us to the casual observer from the multitude of organizations who use the word "Socialist" to conceal their pro-capitalist aims. And to encourage our members to read further, one or two S.P.C. members think a different aspiration

would be better, some think none. We do the best we can and are always open to suggestions for improvement.

And for the above reasons, we think the Socialist Fulcrum should be passed on to your friends.

Editors

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enslavement of the working class by those whose  
alone wealth is produced.

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possess.

3. That this antagonism can be abolished only  
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of production and distribution, and their  
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working class is the last stage to achieve its  
freedom, the emancipation of the working class  
will involve the emancipation of all mankind  
without distinction of race or sex.

5. That this emancipation must be the work of  
the working class itself.

6. That as the machines of government,  
including the armed forces of the nation, exist  
only to preserve the monopoly by the capitalist  
class of the wealth taken from the workers,  
the working class must organize consciously and  
politically for the conquest of the powers of  
government, national and local, in order that this  
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the agent of emancipation and the overthrow of  
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## Letters

To the Editor

### DAVID LEWIS - ANTI-SOCIALIST

NDP leaders and the media have used the death of David Lewis to reinforce the ideology of this money-grabs, price-gouge system, has stated David would have had "that was terrible" to David Lewis. A history of Canadian socialism," *Progressive*, May 5.

The Socialist Party of Canada was born in June of the same year that David Lewis had his collision with the president of the CPR for a Rhodes scholarship at Oxford. Sir Edward Beatty then, who he had a meeting with when he received his award from the young "scholar," that he would never join the CP if he ever became prime minister. The reason Sir Edward could give that such returning was only a form of capitalist returning, different from being instead of 27 years from war. He was the being given a Russia, China, or Britain concerning that such a returning young proletarian was granted his scholarship.

Two years later, when the CCP was suppressed, the Socialist Party of Canada received the fact the new organization a transformed liberals and Communists claimed "the state power and governmental ownership in against the socialist version of "democratic socialism" and "democratic socialism." *Western Socialist*, Oct., 1955.

I David Lewis wrote to me "the millions of millions of workers," he wouldn't have worked to promote the capitalist system, maintaining a variety of discriminating workers and bourgeois. They have a common interest with their bosses, controlled by the mask of nationalism. While others were going to work, the "bosses" have agreed with CCP support of the federal government in attacking citizens' supported provincial CCP-NDP governments' anti-socialist and other actions to defend workers and their profits.

The bourgeois have sought to reward knowledge of capitalism, in the name of socialism.

### QUESTION

What you need to do more to keep basic left the foreign. Following  
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## "FREE PRESS" PROPAGANDA

The United States, that arch foe of "Communism," is prepared to supply arms to "Communist" China in order to confront "Communist" Russia. This, of course, must be necessary to protect the democratic needs of American market prospects, just as it was necessary for the U.S. to fight in Vietnam for the democratic needs of offshore oil, and then to prevent "Communist" China's expansion into the South Sea market.

At the same time the U.S. will be sending arms to Pakistan, a traditional foe of India. As such Pakistan is in a sort of military alliance with "Communist" China and India has a similar relationship with "Communist" Russia. But both these countries, India and Pakistan, are members of the British Commonwealth, a traditional ally of the United States.

That is not clear to me is: when the long-awaited invasion of the mainland by "Nationalist China" occurs, will the U.S. arms supplied to Taiwan be sufficiently superior to the U.S. arms supplied to "Communist" China to accomplish the task? If not, in Taiwan, in frustration, likely to turn to "Communist" Russia to aid her in her fight against "Communism."

The only thing that could explain why the confusion in this matter is if the "Communist" countries were not truly Communist and if the "democratic" countries were not truly democratic. One that would mean the United States and most parts of the world had been won, and that wouldn't be possible.

Larry Steiner,  
Victoria

## Pamphlet From France

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## BRIEF DIALOGUE

Aboard an aircraft of DC 9 intercity, between Edmonton and Vancouver at 32,000 feet; between a Socialist and a steward dispensing beverages to the passengers.

SOCIALIST: It's very brave of you to try to work in such a confined space. I hope your wages are high.

STEWARD: After passing out a few more drinks! Were you joking or were you serious when you said that?

SOCIALIST: I was serious. You see, workers, not knowing very much about the nature of the social system they are struggling in, I am an image of bravery while tolerating conditions that they wouldn't if they were more aware. The way people are crammed in here, the narrowness of the seats, where passengers have to eat and drink without enough elbow room, and of the aisle where you are trying to work with your cart of beverages, all have to do with the practicability or not of the airline.

STEWARD: What information or statistics that are most economical or best, etc.

SOCIALIST: But the point I want to bring up is that all goods and services we produced for 1948 and 1949, worldwide, including such cities as Russia and China.

STEWARD: I agree, however, the air is so smoky, etc., right?

SOCIALIST: Right. But the 30% of the population who have to sell their skills to an employing class for a pittance or a salary are not having much success at this, etc.

STEWARD: Right, they're not.

SOCIALIST: The means of production and distribution will have to be owned in common and democratically controlled by all society, so that the people need not work hard.

STEWARD: Accepting them. That is, but there is one I can come back the steward coming down the stairs, because after the steward stopped back and said well, and asking the steward's biggest fears, he said, and he will be the chief of S&P Financial, the